



Bill Draft 2013-TMxz-8: UI Laws Administrative Changes.

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SUMMARY: *The bill draft would make technical and administrative changes to the unemployment insurance laws (UI) including requiring UI claimants to contact 5 potential employers per week and eliminating the procedure to request reconsideration of Division of Employment Security (DES) decisions. The bill draft would also authorize the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to disclose social security numbers to DES for the purpose of verifying employer and claimant identity.*

CURRENT LAW:

G.S. 20-7(b2) authorizes DMV to disclose social security numbers to a list of State entities subject to federal limitations. DMV obtained the social security numbers when a person applied for an identification card, learners permit, or driver's license.

G.S. 96-14.9(e) requires UI claimants to actively search for work while receiving UI benefits. The claimant must make 2 job contacts with potential employers on 2 different days during a week.

G.S. 96-15(h) provides a procedure for parties to any decision of DES to request reconsideration of the decision. The decision is not final until the request for reconsideration has been decided.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 would add the Department of Commerce, Division of Employment Security (DES), to the list of State entities authorized to receive social security numbers from DMV. The social security numbers are disclosed for the purpose of verifying employer and claimant identity.

Section 2 would make a technical change to move the date for the calculation of tax rates for certain employers from July 31 to June 30. The calculation is based on a 12-month period, and June 30 is the end of the calendar quarter.

Section 3 would modify the work search requirement by increasing the number of job contacts to 5 per week and eliminating the requirement to search on 2 different days.

Section 4 would eliminate the procedure to request reconsideration of decisions of DES.

Section 5 would correct 3 references to DES.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Sections 1 and 5 would be effective when the act becomes law. Section 2 would be effective for contributions payable for calendar quarters beginning on or after January 1, 2014. Sections 3 and 4 would be effective July 1, 2014.

